

The Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign Fiscal Viability Study Committee made the following recommendations at its final meeting on January 11, 2013:

1. That up to \$20 million be designated for the Transition Fund created in 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120 (SF 2315) to be available for counties to apply for in fiscal year 2012-2013. The provision for the designation along with distribution criteria should be included in legislation providing supplemental appropriations or other legislation enacted early in the 2013 Legislative Session.
2. That a request be made for continuation of the study committee.
3. That the General Assembly engage with the Governor in identifying the essential benefits package for the health insurance exchange and the Medicaid program in this state as provided for in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).
4. That on or before February 1, 2013, the Department of Human Services propose criteria and options for counties to repay their Medicaid and State Resource Center billings from the state at a time beyond fiscal year 2012-2013.
5. That on or before February 1, 2013, the Iowa State Association of Counties recommend options for counties to develop and maintain an appropriate ending balance for their county mental health and disabilities services funds.
6. That study committee members and other interested members of the Senate and House of Representatives continue to meet informally as a workgroup on a regular basis to continue addressing mental health and disability services redesign issues.
7. That the Legislative Services Agency prepare draft legislation to implement the recommendations submitted to the study committee by the redesign workgroups and committees so that the legislation can be considered by the informal legislative workgroup.
8. That work activity services continue to be part of the mental health and disability services administered by counties.